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WALPOLE TOWN ACTIVATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Walpole Town Activation Advisory Committee Meeting held at the Walpole Community Resource Centre, Tuesday 26 September, 2023.

**1. Declaration of Opening of Meeting:**

Jennifer Willcox opened the meeting at 10.41am.

**2. Attendance**

Members Present:

Cr Jennifer Willcox (JW)	Councillor
Jocelyn Baister (JB)	Manager Planning Services (Proxy)
Spencer Roberts (SR)	Manager Parks Operations (Proxy)
Evy Apeldoorn (EA)	Manager Community & Rec Services (Proxy)
Cherie Smith (CS)	Community Representative
David Tapley (DT)	Community Representative
Kaylene Roberts (KR)	Minute Taker

**3. Apologies**

Michael Leers (ML)	Director Works and Services
Gail Ipsen Cutts (GC)	Director Community Services
Sarah Walker (SW)	Community Representative
Sheree Gray (SG)	Community Representative
Louise Pickett (LP)	Community Representative

**4. Guests**

Nil.

**5. Presentations**

Nil.

**6. Disclosure of Interest**

Nil.

**7. Council Decision on Previous Recommendations**

Nil.

## 8. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Moved:** David Tapley

**Seconded:** Jocelyn Baister

**That the previous minutes of the Walpole Town Activation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be adopted as a true and correct record.**

**Carried 6/0**

## 9. Standing Items

### 9.1 Developing Age Friendly Community

#### Jarrah Glen Development

DT – Initiated a thorough discussion on the bushfire hazard to the north of 9 Pier Street, Walpole creating a high bushfire attack level for the proposed additional aged care units;

Six new units proposed to be built along Pier Street and Vista Street, have go the titles for the land;

Coming to Council on Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> September) to present the matter with the Council and to request Shire support;

DFES have control at the moment and won't do anything to reduce the hazard;

Discussion included requesting the Shire to put a work order on it as it is within the town centre;

Site will be inspected during inspections by Rangers;

Discussion between DT & JB about the potential BAL rating;

## 10. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

### Bibbulmun Track – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

JW – Down sized from a large event – 60 persons attended;

Reps from Pardelup Prison Farm were invited as it was their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the work camp was formed in Walpole to support the Bibbulmun track;

Gave a presentation of all 25 years from information gathered from each Officer that was involved with the running of the camp;

Bibbulmun Track Committee, Op Shop and Shire of Manjimup contributed funds towards the event.

### Walpole Tidy Towns

JW – submitted Walpole into the National Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities and had to be in by 25 August;

- There were 9 categories and entered multiple projects in each of the categories;
- Got selected for early judging which opened on 4 September and was judged on the 6 September;
- The finalists will be announced in October and the winners will be announced in November;
- 49 page submission with lots of photo's;
- Environment was our strongest section;

### Dr Issue

JW – Raised concerns about lack of health services in Walpole. Has raised these concerns to Brian Robinson (BR) who wrote a letter to the Minister in regards to this. Also discussed the matter Jane Kelsbie.

Gave some examples of incidents where insufficient health services were available.

Mentioned that doctor's surgery in Denmark have recently lost some doctors, and thus have limited availability to service Walpole.

EA – the Shire assisted Walpole a few years ago with mapping of health services. Discussion held about this and agreed that it would be worthwhile to update the health information brochure.

## **11. New Business**

EA – Renaming of Walpole Library was endorsed by Council;

CS – will be acknowledged with a celebration;

CS – Letter from John Kolo – not part of the WTAAC.

JW – Dog exercise area at Sandy Beach – DBCA responsibility

DT – What is happening with the Dump Point;

JB – can't be relocated as the EV Charging Point went into that position and is closed until further notice – waiting on parts;

JW – if going to be out of action, then there needs to be a fence of some description to be place around the current location;

DT – should be located out at the rubbish dump;

JW – asked what needs to be involved to make the town an RV Friendly Town?

Mentioned that Walpole is black listed on some camping websites;

JB - There is a criteria set by RV Friendly Organisation which needs to be met. Currently none of the towns within the Shire are listed as RV Friendly Towns.

SR – all signage has been taken down in Northcliffe as it was not successful;

JB – Pioneer Park is not the ideal place for the RV Friendly due to traffic conflicts etc.

## **12. General Business**

Nil.

### **Next Meeting:**

Due to be held after the Council elections in October 2023

### **Meeting Closed:**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.40am.